

REMARKS

This amendment is being resubmitted to correct the amendment identifiers as noted in the Notice of Non-compliant amendment.

For the examiners convenience, the remarks have been restated.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8 and 10-20 are rewritten upon entry of this paper. Applicants hereby request reconsideration and further examination.

Claim 10 stands objected to because of informalities. Claims 10 is rewritten to overcome this objection, and Applicants respectfully submit that claim 10 is now in proper form with respect to the deficiencies noted in the Office Action. The change to claim 10 is entered at Applicant's initiative in order to place the claim in more proper form, i.e. to correct a typographical error.

Claim 1-13 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Patterson. Claims 1-8, and 10-20 have been amended to more particularly claim the invention which includes two agitator bodies, each body having at least one finger. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner specifically note where Patterson teaches this limitation since Figure 4 shows one body with fingers, as noted by the Examiner (OA, page 3). In the absence of such, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection on this basis is in error and request that it be withdrawn.

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Patterson because the movement would be met "during the regular operation of Patterson". The Applicants disagree since the Patterson invention could not move the agitator in the manner claimed by the Applicants and more clearly claimed in the amended claim 11 and described in paragraphs 32 to 34 of the present application. The Examiner also states that the "rocking mechanism" claimed in claims 1-10 is disclosed in col. 4; lines 25-32 but those lines only state that, "These approaches have included...rocking the sump." This general statement certainly does not disclose the rocking mechanism claimed by the Applicants in the present invention. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner specifically note where Patterson teaches these limitations. In the

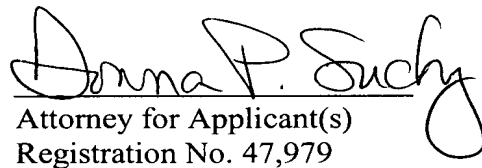
absence of such, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection on this basis is in error and request that it be withdrawn.

Claims 12-13 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable Patterson. Applicants repeat the arguments presented with respect to claim 1, and respectfully request that the rejection of claim 12-13 and 16 on this basis and, in view of the amendments made to these claims, be withdrawn as well as those directed to claims 14, 15, and 17-20 since they are dependent on allowable independent claims as discussed above.

It is believed that these changes now make the claims clear and definite and, if there are any problems with these changes, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed none of the references, taken singularly or in combination, disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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